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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shoichiro Usui  
Appl. No. : 09/731,170  
Filed : December 6, 2000  
For : HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND  
METHOD OF FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS  
SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Action of November  
19, 2003. Please amend the application as follows: